GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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NEW RAIL LINES BETWEEN JAISALMER-KANDLA AND POKRAN-BARMER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey work of new rail lines between Jaisalmer-Barmer-Kandla via Ahmedabad and Pokran-Barmer has been completed and the report submitted to the Railway Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the survey; and

(c) the time by which the work of laying new rail lines is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c): The survey for Jaisalmer-Barmer-Kandla is in progress.However, it is not passing via Ahmedabad. As regards, survey for construction of new rail line from Pokaran to Barmer, an updating survey has been completed in March, 2002. As per the updated survey report, cost of construction of 131 km long new line has been assessed as Rs. 268 crore with a negative rate of return. The survey report is under examination. Further consideration of these proposals would be possible once the survey reports become available/finalised.